PROPOSAL: Create concentration in Master of Arts in Teaching: Elementary Education

Background

This curriculum change is needed 1) to align WMU’s graduate elementary teacher certification route with the new program that the Michigan Department of Education approved for WMU in June 2020. This proposed program will provide a teacher certification route for teacher assistants with bachelor’s degree who desire to become teachers; 2) to change the name of the concentration in order to better communicate its nature, scope, and purpose to stakeholders both within and outside the university; and 3) to transfer this concentration from MATELS to MAT (a separately submitted proposal will delete the MATELS concentration that this one replaces). Currently, all of the other concentrations in MATLES are designed either for in-service teachers or for non-teachers, whereas the MAT concentrations are designed for those who wish to obtain initial teacher certification.

Recommended Action

Approve the creation of the concentration in Master of Arts in Teaching: Elementary Education.